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**CLARIFICATION OF POLICY REGARDING
REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS**

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Reference is made to your memorandum of August 7, 1956, on the above subject.

We have two suggestions to make concerning the types of accidents or incidents to be announced as listed in Page 2 of the proposed announcement.

It is suggested that accidents causing death to an employee be included in the list.

We would suggest that Item 4 might be more suitably stated in the language we have used in proposed chapter 0523 of the AEC Manual, to wit:

"Any single radiation incident which results in (or, pending confirmation, is suspected to have resulted in) the exposure of AEC or AEC-contractor personnel, or other persons, whether on or off-site, to a dose of ionizing radiation in excess of:

- (1) a whole-body (or major organ) dose of 3 rem of gamma, neutron or corpuscular radiation.
- (2) the total dose (to the critical tissue, organ or region of interest, as a result of inhalation, ingestion, cuts or abrasions or other means) equivalent to that which would be received should the person be exposed for a continuous 10-week period to official permissible concentrations in air or water."

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